



# State Route 801

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Question: What is the State Route (SR) 801?

**Answer:** The SR 801 is a new proposed east/west freeway in western Maricopa County, Arizona. The new freeway would provide another east/west route in addition to Interstate 10 (I-10).

### Question: Where will the freeway start and end?

**Answer:** The proposed SR 801 would begin at SR 85 and connect at the future Loop 202 (South Mountain Freeway). The proposed project is being studied in two phases. We are currently in the first phase of the project. The first phase includes studying the area between the future Loop 303 alignment (Cotton Lane) and the future Loop 202 (South Mountain Freeway). The next phase will study the area from SR 85 to the future Loop 303.

### Question: How close to the Salt and Gila rivers will the freeway be located?

**Answer:** Currently, the northern boundary of the study area is Lower Buckeye Road. The southern boundary follows the northern edge of the Salt and Gila rivers. Every attempt would be made to avoid, minimize, or otherwise lessen the environmental impacts associated with the proposed freeway.

### Question: Is there a freeway alignment identified yet?

**Answer:** Not at this time. Before a decision can be made regarding a location for a freeway, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) must satisfy the requirements of federal regulations. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 requires that federal agencies consider the human and environmental affects a freeway may have on a community. An environmental study is conducted that includes data collection to determine these associated affects. The environmental study for the first phase is scheduled to be completed in Summer 2007.

## **Question: When will we know where the freeway will be located?**

**Answer:** The project team presented three proposed corridors to the public at the public scoping meetings on March 21 and 23, 2006. Each proposed corridor is approximately 1,000 feet wide. This does not mean that the proposed freeway would be this wide, but rather, that it may be contained within a portion of a proposed corridor. The purpose of the March 2006 public scoping meetings was to receive public input for the first phase of the SR 801 project. Taking into consideration the public comments, the proposed corridors would be studied in detail and a preferred alternative alignment may be identified by Summer 2007, assuming there are no significant impacts.

## **Question: When will the freeway be built?**

**Answer:** This proposed project is scheduled for construction in Phase 4 of the Regional Transportation Plan (years 2021-2025).

## **Question: What about potential noise from the new freeway?**

**Answer:** Projected traffic noise would be evaluated as part of the environmental study. The locations of noise barriers would be included in the environmental document, and the final noise solution would be resolved in the final design for this project.

## **The following Web sites are a source of related information:**

- ADOT: [www.azdot.gov](http://www.azdot.gov)
- ADOT Valley Project Management: [www.azdot.gov/Highways/vpm/index.asp](http://www.azdot.gov/Highways/vpm/index.asp)
- ADOT Environmental & Enhancement Group: [www.adotenvironmental.com](http://www.adotenvironmental.com)
- Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG): [www.mag.maricopa.gov](http://www.mag.maricopa.gov)